

## OBJECT SECURITY IMPLEMENTATION

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

According to the invention, disclosed are an apparatus and methods for authenticating information sent to a set top box. In one embodiment, a method for  
5 distributing information that includes a signature is disclosed. In one step the signature is generated over first information and second information. The first information is sent over a network in another step. The second information is sent over the network separately from the step of sending the first information. The signature is sent over the network separately from  
10 at least one of the first information and the second information.

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